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DR. ALEXANDER RETIRES.

With the retirement of Dr. W. T. Alexander as a Commissioner of Education, the public and the Department of Public Instruction lose the active services of one of the most devoted of educationists in this Territory. It has been a long and honorable career, one which adds lustre to the land of his birth as well as conferring glory on himself. For it is glorious to have stamped one's individuality upon the educational institutions of a people, and Dr. Alexander has assisted in every forward movement in education for many decades past.

The doctor's practical educational work commenced when he returned from his University career and became professor of classics and mathematics at Oahu College or, as it was then known, Punahou. His deep erudition and his kindly disposition won for him the respect and love of his pupils, a love which has lasted many through life. It was a long time, after he had received his doctoral honors from his University, that those who knew him well could drop the title of professor by which he had been known so intimately to so many.

The work of this gentleman as a member of the Board of Education under the monarchy and later as a commissioner under the Republic and the Territory, has been varied. He has been president and vice-president of the Board; he has been on most of the important committees, especially upon that on teachers. His intimate knowledge of the islands, and of their residents, together with his thorough conversance with the physical and climatic conditions of the various districts made him peculiarly useful in all branches of our peculiar educational work.

Another attribute of Dr. Alexander, outside of his erudition and his knowledge of school systems throughout the world, has been his breadth of mind, and his great kindness of disposition. There was no narrowness in the professor, he valued men and women at their best and not at their worst, and never took into consideration either sect or creed.

Hawaii owes a deep debt to Dr. Alexander. He will never lose his interest in the education of the Territory, but his active work has ceased. It would have ceased some years ago but for the personal solicitation of the then superintendent, Alatau T. Atkinson, who worked in conjunction with the doctor for over eighteen years. However excellent the personnel of the present commissioners may be, there is lost to the department the ablest, if not the only true Hawaiian scholar, and one of the most honorable and high minded gentlemen in the Territory.

Hawaiians should thank Commissioner-General Sargent for that word—"irrigation"—used in his address to the Board of Immigration the other day when urging a proper representation of the Territory's needs in Congress. It is only just now that irrigation has been adopted as one of the subjects for the common welfare which the United States Government should undertake. Hawaii has as good a claim for sharing in the new service as any other part of the country. On the recent visit of the Congressional Irrigation Committee to the raising-growing sections of Fresno county, California, the remarkable development of irrigation methods impressed the visitors. Our sugar plantation interests have struck out upon a line of great things in irrigation, which no doubt will incidentally confer much benefit to small farming enterprise. Yet there is much land in these islands, both outside the sugar-raising class and off the routes of plantation ditches, which might be rescued from barrenness to become of great value for diversified cultivation if water were brought to it. Since Uncle Sam is in the irrigation business, it will be now in order to make a special inventory of all the land in the group which lacks only water for making fertile. Thanks, Mr. Sargent, again for that word.

It is remarked by the Washington correspondent of the Boston Transcript, as a peculiar coincidence, that the threatened boycott of American goods by China, unless the Chinese exclusion laws are regulated in accordance with well-defined treaty obligations, "is the most disquieting in those sections which have gone to the greatest lengths in hostility to the Chinaman. The South, in deference to the wishes of Northern labor unions, has generally voted in Congress for the most extreme of Chinese exclusion measures. That is the section that needs the Chinese market for cotton. The Pacific coast has, of course, led in these Chinese exclusion movements, and it, too, is covetous of the trade of the Orient. In the last great fight over the terms of a Chinese exclusion bill, when Orville H. Platt of Connecticut led the battle all day for as much humanity and fair dealing as could be incorporated into law, he met almost solid opposition from these sections which are now worrying over the Chinese boycott."

Maui clothed itself with county government this time, unlike the occasion of the nullity, without any military fanfare. The neighboring island's county officials also quite sensibly avoided an ungodly hour for assuming their functions. By starting in at high noon of July 1 they showed they were in no fear that Haleakala would fall down and bury them, or that a tidal wave would rush in and carry the new jail out to sea, on account of leaving the Territorial authorities a fiddling twelve hours overtime looking after roads and keeping the police on the move.

Referring to the unanimous recommendation by the Judiciary Committee of the New York Assembly, that Justice Warren B. Hooker of the State Supreme Court "be removed from the bench for various improper uses of his influence, to his personal advantage and to the detriment of others," the World's Work says: "Such an action is fortunately most rare in the United States. Manifestly, an incorruptible, impartial and high-minded judiciary is the only cornerstone upon which a nation can erect a structure of equal rights for all."

There are two expeditions out for the relief of the Ziegler polar expedition. If ever the north pole is discovered, the chances are great that the discoverer will never return to tell about it. And, if he should, the probability is extreme that another century would pass, and many expeditions perish, before a single bona fide excursion party could be safely carried over the route. As a winter resort, the north pole hardly seems worth developing.

By the time France became quite ready to enforce neutrality at her Far East colonial ports, neutrality was just about what the Russians most needed. Delay to coal and supply up, on the part of any fugitive vessel calling, had become exceedingly dangerous, while the alternative of internment and dismantling was then about the only chance of saving the ships for the next war.

HALEAKALA MAY GET RANK

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modations should be comfortable, clean and wholesome, without attempt at pretense. Books pertaining to the environment, maps of the region, pictures and photographs should be in abundance. Adequate facilities for camping out and for riding parties should be at hand. In fine, a hostelry adapted to the requirements of the locality.

"Prices should be moderate, so that people of moderate means could visit and revisit these localities replete with volcanic manifestations. Government ownership is probably the only way to preserve for the public these great volcanic forms. They should be maintained, and the present forms not destroyed. There should be no charge for a visit to the crater. It always seems to me a debasement of these great forms of nature to put them on a side show basis, like charging for a view of a mountain. It seems an effort to corner nature, as it were, for the special benefit of a trust. Let there be a few big

things for which people shall not pay. Kilauea is one of these. The volcano should be saved for the people, as the Yosemite and Yellowstone Park are."

Speaking generally afterwards, Mr. Curtis said it was entirely probable that the Hawaiian islands lie along a fault, or area of shifting activity, where the manifestations of volcanic force had traveled from beyond Kauai, through Oahu, Molokai and Maui to Hawaii, which was the most recent of the islands.

Also, he said that it was entirely possible that there had been volcanic activity in Haleakala, without the fact becoming known, in historic times.

FOR A MEMORIAL.

Plans are being made for an Alice Mackintosh memorial at St. Andrew's Cathedral. Just what form the memorial will take has not been yet decided, but it will be something worthy to commemorate the life of the noble woman to whose memory it is to be dedicated.

BISHOP STALEY'S WIDOW IS DEAD

We have received the announcement of the death of Mrs. Staley, the widow of the first bishop of Honolulu, which took place near New Brighton, Cheshire, on May 4. The deceased lady during her residence for eight years in the Islands, made many warm friends, some of whom remain today. Warm, impulsive and generous to a fault she drew to her both young and old. The Hawaiians fully reciprocated the great affection she bestowed upon them. There is a grave of one of her children in the Nuanu consecrated cemetery, and every year on Decoration day it has a lei upon it. Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Staley has lived with her son, the Rev. Leonard S. Staley, or with her daughters, Edith and Blanche. Her eldest son, Evelyn, who occupies a high position in India, returned to England in time to see her in her last moments. All her children now in England received the Holy Communion at her bedside. She was in fullest possession of all her faculties up to the very last. They buried her by the side of the bishop, her husband, at Bournemouth near Bournemouth.

Two daughters were absent from their mother's bedside—Constance, now Mrs. Copeland, who resides in Boston, Mass., and Mildred who is a physician in India. The latter paid a visit to Honolulu, her birth place, a few years ago. Queen Emma was her god-mother.—Anglican Church Chronicle.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Entered for Record July 1, 1905.
J E Fullerton by Agt to R A Lucas L
F Wundenberg and wf to Ida C Burnette D
Hutchinson Sug Plantn Co to Wm G Irwin PA
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D E Wilson and wf to Joseph R Gaspar D
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T K Kupukupu and wf to Tr of Church of Jesus Christ L D S D

Recorded June 20, 1905.
R K Baptiste and wf to Joao Magalhaes, D; int in lot 24 of Patent 4698, Kaiwili, Hilo, Hawaii. \$400. B 272. p 171. Dated Jan 9, 1904.
G J Waller to H M Dow, Rel; lots 9 and 10 of gr 2648, Manoa Rd, Honolulu, Oahu. \$2500. B 187. p 261. Dated June 19, 1905.
C Q Yee Hop to Lam Hin, B S; int in leasehold, bldgs, etc. \$200. B 274. p 160. Dated May 1, 1905.
Sol Kaluna et al to Olaf Sug Co Ltd, C M; cane on por lgt 32, Olaf tract, Puna, Hawaii. \$1 and advs. B 271. p 112. Dated June 17, 1905.

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